Land for hospitals

2701. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA and Land and Development Organisation had allotted 70 plots to various trusts and societies to establish hospitals out of which only 26 are currently operational;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only three private hospitals comply with the lease agreements to provide free treatment to poor patients;

(c) if so, the action Government have taken against these hospitals; and

(d) the hospitals which are not complying with the lease agreement and the action Government propose to take agains them?

THE MINISTER OF STAE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAYMAKEN): (a) Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that it has allotted land to 54 hospitals out of which 32 hospitals are operational. Further, Land & Development Office has allotted land to 5 hospitals out of which 4 hospitals are operational. One hospital which is under renovation has suspended its hospital facilities.

(b) to (d) A Public Interest Litigation titled Social Jourist *vs.* Union of India (W.P. No. 2866/2002) was filed in the Delhi High Court on the issue of non-implementation of freeship conditions by hospitals. The Court had set up a Monitoring Committee under Principal Secrectary (Health), Govt, of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD). The Committee found that most of the hospitals were lacking provision of free treatment to poor. The Hon'ble High court in its Judgement dated 22.3.2007 in the above Writ Petition as directed that Special Referral Centres shall be set up in Govt, hospitals for referring poor patients to the nearby private hospitals covered under the Writ Petition. Land and Development office has reported that action has been initiated against the hospitals under the term of lease agreement which included cancellation of allotment in respect of 3 hospitals.